



RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Central Business Community (CBC) has submitted a parking proposal and recommendations for the Downtown Business District whereby parking should be less expensive on the perimeter of Downtown and regular rates applied nearer the Central Business District; that some persons are (or will be) paying to guarantee a parking spot; certain areas will be designated as free spaces for business owners and employees; and

WHEREAS, the recommended defined areas include: Adam Street, Michigan Avenue, Ferris Street, Pearl Street, Huron Street, and Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Central Business Community (CBC) recommendations contain the following elements:

1. Leave Michigan Avenue as it is presently (2 hour enforced time/and designated metered spaces);
2. Streamline the existing permit process to include "free" employee/owner Parking in designated areas and paid (guaranteed spaces) to Downtown residents;
3. Clearly designate each specific area so it is clear to both those parking and those enforcing;
4. Downtown Ypsilanti holiday "free" parking should coincide with the Eastern Michigan University schedule (exactly). (The completion of the Fall Term in December and the start of the Winter Term in January);
5. Designate the (Second and Third Set) on the South side of Pearl Street (between Huron and Washington) as 30 minute metered parking;
6. Coordinate activity and change to ensure compliance with all existing Federal, State and Local Statutes;
7. The North Huron Street Lot – continue the two hour enforced time as is presently being utilized (enforcement hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. no permit parking in this lot) post limited (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for example) Saturday enforcement;
8. The Washington Street Lot (at Pearl Street) – allocate a proportionate number of permit parking spaces (to the needs of the city); allocate spaces for employee parking; eliminate 10 hour meters and; continue to allow free parking in this lot;
9. The South Huron Street Lot – maintain its present use. Keep the one-hour "free" parking as it exists (the Northernmost row of the lot); merge the permit parking

with designated employee parking to ensure needs are met; project future use prior to allocating the row adjacent to the one-hour "free" row and the street area adjacent to the lot (on Ferris Street);

- 10. There should be three entrances to this lot. The primary entrance should be a left-hand turn from Huron Street. Upon entering, one way traffic should proceed to the West (towards Washington Street) where exit will be possible. A second entrance (which will allow two-way traffic) will be off Ferris Street (this spot will also serve as an exit); a third entrance will be one-way from Washington Street. Traffic will enter (one-way) and be traveling east;
- 11. Designate the spaces in front of 209 Pearl Street and the West Side of South Adams (near Ferris formerly occupied by the Post Office boxes) as Taxi Stands. An alternate site (north of Michigan Avenue) would be the south end of Washington Street lot (adjacent to the AATA area);
- 12. Allow for handicap spots at the west end of the South Huron lot and the East end of the South Huron lot for those spaces displaced by the dumpster enclosure;
- 13. Review existing parking ordinances to coordinate with this proposal;
- 14. Retain meters and meter rates on the streets where they are located presently. Work to standardize all meters to be two hour meters (9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday), unless otherwise noted.

Signage

- 1. Each public parking lot should have a sign with the name of the lot (North Adams, Washington Street, North Huron, South Huron, Riverside Park);
- 2. The rules for each lot should be clearly posted;
- 3. Entrances and exits should be clearly marked;
- 4. Additional signage directing visitors to the public parking should be conveniently displayed (as needed) throughout the downtown area.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the new parking plan and direct City staff to implement this plan

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this parking plan be evaluated within six months and six months thereafter.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE: